

# COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

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**Instructions:** Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING /

Name of Traveler: Blake Millard Schindler

Employing Office/Committee: Cassidy


Private Sponsor(s) (List all): Restore or Retreat

Travel Date(s): April 12-13, 2017

Description/Title of Attached Forms: PSTCF (final version); Itinerary (final version)

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): Post-travel submission  
must be amended with the Office of Public Records in SH-232.

X 05/03/17  
(Date)

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(Signature of Traveler)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Restore or Retreat (in partnership with two state government entities)
2. Description of the trip: To educate Congressional offices on Louisiana's delicate ecosystem, ongoing restoration efforts (some federally authorized) & future opportunities including working across state lines
3. Dates of travel: April 12-13, 2017
4. Place of travel: New Orleans, LA and Galliano, LA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attachment 1
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
– OR –
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
– AND –
  - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
– AND –
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Restore or Retreat is financing the trip and will coordinate logistics, execute the itinerary and prepare materials. The State government and local port are organizing events in their locations.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:  
See attachment 2

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

No history of sponsoring Congressional trips

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Restore or Retreat is a 501(c)3 non profit that works daily to advocate for the large-scale, sustainable restoration of the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins of the MS River Delta. Our work includes educational briefings, field trips, and stakeholder/community meetings/outreach on specific projects and Master Plan

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$200-\$700 (depending upon origin location)	\$156 (Inc. tax)	\$120 (\$60/day)	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The entire agenda was planned specifically with regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

These are particularly good locations to observe Louisiana's land loss crisis, as well as future restoration opportunities.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

International House, 221 Camp Street, New Orleans, 70130

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Convenient location and cost.

- 21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:**

**Lodging and meals are under per diem.**

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

**Commercial flights (economy class); chartered minibus; airboats; small aircraft**

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor):

**Signature of Travel Sponsor:**

**Name and Title:** Simone Maloz, Executive Director

**Name of Organization:** Restore or Retreat

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**Coastal Louisiana Congressional Staff Trip April 12-13 • New Orleans, LA and Galliano, LA**

**Purpose:** To educate Congressional offices on Louisiana's land loss crisis and the Coastal Master Plan to address it; discuss Gulf-wide collaboration and federal agency involvement in the effort; and demonstrate national economic importance of restoration, specifically by highlighting Port Fourchon operations, development and involvement in restoration activities.

**Sponsoring Organizations:** Restore or Retreat, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (State Government), Greater Lafourche Port Commission (Local Government)

**Participating Organizations:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition

**Attire:** Casual. For boat tours, please wear appropriate shoes and bring sun protection.

**Wednesday**

**8:35-10:24 am:**

**American flight #5559 DCA to MSY**

Contact for arrivals: Simone Maloz, Executive Director of Restore or Retreat, will meet the delegation at the baggage claim area with a sign reading, "Welcome Congressional Delegation" and will proceed to the bus.  
Simone cell: 985-688-3290

**11:00-11:30 am:**

**Lunch on Chartered Bus to Davis Pond**

*Participants will pre-select lunch from Cochon Butcher. Program: Welcome, introductions and presentation by Bren Haase, Chief of Planning and Research for CPRA and Steve Cochran, Director of Restore the Mississippi River Delta Campaign: Framing an Issue of National Importance*

**11:30 am-2:30 pm:**

**Davis Pond Tour**

Program: Briefing at diversion structure and viewing of outfall area followed by airboat tour by Simone Maloz. Includes observations of beneficial freshwater into the area and benefits of proactive conservation management, as well as discussion on possible legislation needed for future adaptive management and appropriations.

*The Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion was originally authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1928, most recently amended in the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. It is located in St. Charles Parish on the west bank of the Mississippi River, approximately 15 miles upstream of New Orleans. The project was designed to divert fresh water, with its accompanying nutrients and sediments, from the Mississippi River into rapidly eroding the Barataria Basin – reducing saltwater intrusion and establishing favorable salinity conditions in the area, thus combating land loss. We will tour the diversion structure along the river, and then, via airboat, tour the outfall channels into Lake Cataouatche and Lake Salvador.*

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2:30 pm:

**Depart for International House**

3:30 pm:

**Check in at International House**

Location: 221 Camp Street New Orleans, LA 70130

5:00-5:45 pm:

**Briefing**

Program: Historical overview of Mississippi River Delta degradation and restoration and flight path preview by David Muth with the Restore the Mississippi Delta Restoration Coalition, followed by discussion on the effects the history has on conservation management today, potential future restoration opportunities, and possible future legislative requests.

5:45 pm:

**Depart for dinner (short walk) 6:00-8:00 pm:**

**Dinner at Dickie Brennan's Tableau**

Program: Remarks from restaurateur Dickie Brennan and local chef Georgie Brower on the importance of coastal restoration to the tourism industry. Remarks and Briefing on Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan from Johnny Bradberry, Governor's Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities, and CPRA Staff

Location: 616 St. Peter Street New Orleans, LA 70116

### **RON International House**

#### **Thursday**

7:30-8:00 am:

**Breakfast (grab and go option)**

Location: International House

8:00-8:30 am:

**Depart Hotel for Lakefront airport**

Program: Presentation by John Lopez, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation Coastal Sustainability Program Director, on what we have learned from existing diversions

8:30-10:30 am:

**Coastal Flyover to Galliano**

Program: Each plane will contain a guide who will narrate the flyover and highlight both the problem and projects underway to address it. Details below on flyover details; discussion will cover observations to eroding landscape and ramifications to the local environment and economy, as well as local, state, and federal efforts planned to restore the area and associated dialogue on how to implement projects, including and especially permitting.

*After taking off from the Lakefront Airport along Lake Pontchartrain, the flyover will take passengers through the Barataria Basin, over the proposed Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion site, and then west over the Morganza to the Gulf levee*

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*system in Terrebonne Parish. Participants will also see projects constructed with Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act funding.*

*After crossing the eroding marshes of eastern Terrebonne, the passengers will see a stunning aerial view of the growing deltas of the Atchafalaya River and Wax Lake Outlet. Headed back east, the route would then include a flyover of the barrier islands and constructed Caminada Headland project.*

**10:30-11:45 am:**

**Transportation to Port Fourchon**

Program: Windshield tour to view Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection system, the degraded marshes outside the levee system, and the elevated LA-1 highway project narrated by Simone Maloz, Executive Director of Restore or Retreat and Joni Tuck, External Relations Manager of Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Includes dialogue on concerns related to implementation of projects, including mitigation and permitting processes, and direct impact restoration of area will have on local, state, and national economy.

**12:00-1:00 pm:**

**Lunch Briefing at Port Fourchon EOC**

Program: Presentation from Chett Chiasson, Executive Director Port Fourchon

*Port Fourchon plays a strategic role in furnishing the country with about 18% of its entire oil supply. While the Greater Lafourche Port Commission actively pursues its purpose of stimulating commercial development, it accepts as part of its mission the responsibility of acknowledging the environmental value of the setting in which Port Fourchon is located. The Port Commission works diligently to protect and restore the coastal landscape and habitats the surround it.*

**1:00-2:00 pm:**

**Boat Tour of Port Fourchon**

Program: Waterside tour of Port Fourchon led by Chett Chiasson, Executive Director of Port Fourchon. Discussions includes legislation and approval needed by federal entities for port growth, as well as explanation of synergies between energy and environment.

*Waterside tour of Port facilities will include an up close look at current development, large scale offshore services facilities, as well as the first LNG vessel fueling station in the US. Participants will see the Port's mitigation area, maritime forest ridge in the distance, as well as the West Belle Pass project and Caminada Headlands on our way out to the jetties. While in that reach, Chett will also talk about planned port expansion, and how deepening their channel will yield up to 35 million cubic yards of material to be used largely for restoration works across the*

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*region over and above the Port's planned development and associated mitigation.*

**2:00-3:00 pm:**

**Caminada Beach ATV Tour**

Program: Participants will ride ATVs to view the 7 miles of restored beach and dune habitat narrated by Brad Miller, Project Manager for CPRA. Remarks from Tanner Johnson, Director of Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

*The Caminada Headland Beach and Dune Restoration Project is located south and east of Port Fourchon in Lafourche Parish which represents the largest investment to date by the State of Louisiana in a single beach or barrier island restoration project. The headland is a 14-mile-long undeveloped beach that stretches from West Belle Pass on the west to Caminada Pass on the east, protecting Port Fourchon, providing critical beach and dune habitat for nesting shorebirds, and accommodating culturally significant recreational activities in the form of fishing, crabbing, and beachcombing. This project has received federal funding through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program and the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act. It has also received funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, which was created by Congress in 1984.*

**3:00 pm:**

**Depart for airport**

**6:30 pm:**

**American flight #4500 departs from MSY to DCA**

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